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SUBJECT: ALLIANCE STUDY OF EAST-WEST RELATIONS

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1. AS SUGGESTED REFTELS, THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED ON JULY 26 WITH SVART (DENMARK) THE QUESTION OF HOW THE ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE EAST-WEST STUDY WOULD BE DRAFTED. IN ELICITING SVART'S VIEWS, THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THAT SVART HIMSELF WAS WELL-QUALIFIED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THIS TASK. IN RESPONSE, SVART EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN TAKING ON SUCH AN ASSIGNMENT, BUT THOUGHT THAT TWO OR THREE QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WORKING TOGETHER COULD PROBABLY DO A BETTER JOB THAN A SINGLE EXPERT AND THAT FROM THE POINT OF VIEW OF OTHER ALLIES IT MIGHT ALSO BE BETTER IF MORE THAN ONE ALLIED EXPERT DRAFTED THE ASSESSMENT SECTION. HE MENTIONED SIR JOHN KILLICK (UK) AS ANOTHER PERMREP WHO COULD MAKE A USEFUL CONTRIBUTION IN LIGHT OF HIS SERVICE IN MOSCOW. SVART AGREED WITH THE AMBASSADOR THAT CANADIAN AMBASSADOR FORD IN MOSCOW MIGHT ALSO BE HELPFUL IN PREPARING THE ASSESSMENT SECTION. ON REFLECTION, SVART THOUGHT THAT HE, PERHAPS TOGETHER WITH KILLICK AND FORD, COULD WORK  
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MOST EFFECTIVELY ALONE WITHOUT RESEARCH OR DRAFTING ASSISTANTS. SVART SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH COPENHAGEN WHILE HE WAS ON LEAVE IN AUGUST AND EXPECTED TO HAVE A CONSIDERED RESPONSE BY SEPTEMBER. THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD NOT DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH OTHERS PENDING SVART'S REPLY.

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING A POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM SVART, WHICH WE BELIEVE IS LIKELY IN VIEW OF HIS PERSONAL ENTHUSIASM FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT, WE WILL DISCUSS WITH HIM HOW THE PROPOSAL CAN BEST BE RAISED IN THE SPC. WE HOPE THAT AFTER SOUNDING OUT INTERESTED DELS THE DANES WILL AGREE TO MAKE A PROPOSAL TO THE SPC ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED ABOVE AND THAT WE CAN SUPPORT THEIR INITIATIVE. IT IS IMPORTANT, OF COURSE, THAT NONE OF THE INTERESTED ALLIES FEEL THEY ARE BEING CUT OUT OF THIS PROJECT, AND IF OTHERS EXPRESS A STRONG INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN THE DRAFTING OF THE ASSESSMENT SECTION, A WAY WILL HAVE TO BE FOUND TO ACCOMMODATE THEM.

3. WHILE THIS IS A MINOR ISSUE, IT IS A DELICATE ONE. ACCORDINGLY, TO AVOID RUFFLING ALLIED FEATHERS, WE STRONGLY URGE THAT US OFFICIALS NOT DISCUSS WITH ALLIED COLLEAGUES US INTEREST IN ONE OR ANOTHER CANDIDATE FOR DRAFTING THE ASSESSMENT SECTION OF THE STUDY. WE HOPE TO AVOID FURTHER EXPRESSIONS OF CHAGRIN LIKE THAT NOTED IN PARA 8 REF A. BENNETT

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